

# DDP 0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver Service Definitions

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## **5. Caregiver Training and Support**

Caregiver training and support are services for unpaid caregivers providing training, companionship or supervision to individuals. This service may not be provided in order to train paid caregivers. Training includes instruction about treatment regimens, use of specified equipment, and other services included in the plan of care, and includes updates as necessary to safely maintain the person at home. Support must be aimed at assisting the unpaid caregiver in meeting the needs of the person. All training for individuals who provide unpaid support to the person must be included in the plan of care.

Training furnished to unpaid caregivers must be directly related to their role in supporting the person in areas specified in the plan of care.

Counseling similarly must be aimed at assisting unpaid caregivers in understanding and addressing the individual's needs.

FFP is available for the costs of registration and training fees associated with formal instruction in areas relevant to individual's needs identified in the plan of care. FFP is not available for the costs of travel, meals and overnight lodging for unpaid caregivers to attend a training event or conference.

Services to be provided do not duplicate case management services. The role of the staff person providing

Caregiver Training and Support is defined by the planning team.

### **Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

This service is only available to persons living in a family setting or private non-congregate residence where support and supervision is provided by unpaid care givers. It is not available to persons living in group homes, assisted living facilities, or foster

homes when the foster care provider is paid for support and supervision, nor is the service available to a person receiving live in caregiver services.

The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.